

2.(amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1 wherein said nucleic acid is a DNA molecule.

3.(amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1 wherein said nucleic acid is a cDNA molecule.

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Cont 4.(amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 3 comprising the nucleotide sequence set forth as SEQ ID NO:3, or sequences that hybridise thereto under high stringency conditions or the complement thereto.

B6 6.(amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1 which is of mammalian origin.

7.(amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 6 which is of human origin.

B7 11.(amended) An expression vector comprising an isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1.

B8 21.(amended) A process for producing a VEGF-X protein, said process comprising transforming a host cell or organism with an expression vector according to claim 11, and recovering the expressed protein from said host cell or organism.

B9 30.(amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:4-25.

39.(amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide having a CUB domain, said polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:26.

40.(amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide having a CUB domain, said polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:27.

41.(amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 40, comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:28.

42.(amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 41, comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:29.

43.(amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a VEGF like domain comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO:30 or the sequence from position 15 to 461 illustrated in Figure 24.

44.(amended) An expression vector comprising an isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 39 or claim 40.

54.(amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide comprising a CUB domain having the sequence of SEQ ID NO:26 or SEQ ID NO:28 and a sequence encoding a VEGF domain.

55.(amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 54 wherein said sequence encoding said VEGF domain is selected from the sequences encoding any of VEGF A to D or isoforms or variants thereof.

56.(amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:26 for use as a medicament.

72.(amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a variant of a VEGF-X protein comprising any of the sequences of nucleotides illustrated in Figure 12.

### Remarks

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the rejoinder of claims 45-47 by the Examiner.